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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Case Identifier: CGB-CC-1220

Dear Secretary:

Thank you for reviewing our petition for exemption from closed captioning rules for our church Trailblazers International Christian Center. According to the letter we received, we needed to provide more information so that we could be considered for a closed-captioning exemption.

As required, we sought funding from our video programming distributor, My24, which is the station our broadcast Tipping Point will use. The contact person is Nikki Collier. She informed me that this station does not provide funding or financial services of any kind for us to air the show. She further stated that My24 does not provide closed-captioning funding or assistance. The FCC attorney for My24 also stated, through Nikki Collier, that they could not and do not put anything in writing stating that they do not provide financial assistance for closed-captioning support. Thus, in seeking assistance from our program distributor, that request was rejected.

The second area in which we needed verification was proof that we sought additional sponsorship sources or other sources of revenue for captioning and if those efforts were not successful, verify that we do not have the means to provide captioning for the program. We contacted several companies seeking assistance for closed-captioning for our program. These are the following companies we contacted: U.S. Captioning Company, LLC, Constellation Energy, NCI, Virginia Office, Caption House, Caption Reporters, Caption City, and Adventure Productions. None of these companies were able to provide financial assistance.



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Our ministry is small, but growing. We have sought outside financial support and our efforts in seeking outside financial support have not been fruitful. Our ministry is supported totally by the members and that income has been very inconsistent. We have staff to pay and other ministry costs which we are challenged to meet. Many of our members are unemployed and are unable to consistently support the ministry financially. To add the expense of closed-captioning assistance would be a tremendous burden on our ministry at this time. We respectfully request that we be exempted from these requirements.

We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Pamela Phillips